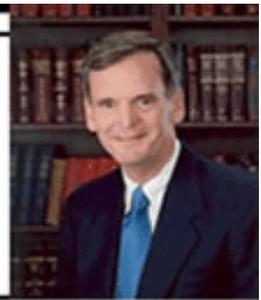

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GREGG SECURES \$494,000 FOR MOUNT WASHINGTON OBSERVATORY

WASHINGTON -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today announced that he has secured a \$494,000 federal grant through the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration for the Mount Washington Observatory. The funding will provide the resources to upgrade and create redundancy in weather observation and research infrastructure, including an expanded array of cutting-edge weather instruments, and a totally restructured data management and communications network. Senator Gregg was able to include the funding in Fiscal Year 2003 through his position as Chairman of the Senate Appropriations Subcommittee that oversees funding for the U.S. Department of Commerce and NOAA.

Senator Gregg stated, "Granite Staters take pride in being able to successfully navigate periods of inclement weather, and there may be no better place in the country to study snow, cold, rain and wind than at the summit of Mount Washington. As a practical matter, New Hampshire's fast-changing weather patterns often mean that residents and visitors in northern portions of the State are caught off-guard and ill-prepared for stormy conditions. The innovative work being done at the Mount Washington Observatory studies weather patterns and is working to better predict when and where storms will hit and with how much ferocity. This is good news for all New Hampshire residents who rely on accurate forecasts to prepare for inclement weather."

John Hammer, Executive Director of the Mount Washington Observatory, stated, "Mount Washington Observatory owes a great deal to Senator Gregg for his continued support, leadership, friendship and advocacy on our behalf. The new appropriations to benefit our Summit weather observation and research programs, will not only help in the greater understanding of our physical and natural world, but also share the love of learning, natural phenomenon, and Mount Washington to an ever-wider audience. We are extremely fortunate that Senator Gregg clearly understands the special needs and unique challenges of non-profit service organizations in New Hampshire's Northern Forest region."

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